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UN blows into town for Global Climate Summit



Marni Halasa dresses as a mermaid to protest fracking near where the U.N. Global Summit took place. / GETTY IMAGES

Politics. Mayor Bill de Blasio and President Barack Obama were two of the headliners at the U.N. Climate Summit, where world leaders got together to hash out details on how to help save the environment. Protesters also came out in full force.

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Correction

In our story, "Woman dies after being hit by bicyclist during walk" on Tuesday we identified Jill Tarlov's husband as Mark Wittman. It should have read Mike Wittman. We regret the error.

Behind the scenes at the UN summit

Manhattan. Mayor de Blasio was one of many speakers who addressed leaders at the UN Climate Summit.

First Avenue was a sea of blue suits, black Suburbans and countless officers from multiple security agencies Tuesday as the United Nations representatives met to discuss climate change.

The avenue, closed to pedestrians and traffic, was quiet for New York, and quiet for this city for the past few days, when hundreds of thousands of climate activists marched, calling for the U.N. to take steps to save the planet.

Inside the checkpoint, the crowd was subdued. The sun was barely up and a line of grumbling reporters wrapped past 47th Street, smoking, sipping coffee, speaking too many languages to keep track of, likely wondering if they'd make it through security before opening remarks.

Once inside, everyone scattered. The U.N. hallways seemed cavernous to me, winding, puzzling, familiar to everyone else. Inside a briefing room, hundreds of reporters filed stories, listened to proceedings and sucked up coffee.

Mayor Bill de Blasio was one of the summit's opening speakers, and called climate change an "existential threat" to "humanity."

"The cause is us — how



There weren't as many protesters as there were at Sunday's Climate March or Monday's Flood Wall Street events, but people did gather near the U.N. for environmental causes. / GETTY IMAGES

Critical mass

"This is an issue we all face. No one is spared," Mayor de Blasio said at the event.

- De Blasio said that Sunday's People's Climate

March in New York, and around the globe, showed the world is "reaching a critical-mass moment on this issue in terms of public opinion."



Visit Metro.us to read more about the UN Climate Summit event.

we heat our homes, how we transport ourselves, the reckless way in which we live," de Blasio said.

the time to act is now," said Korean President Park Guen-hye.

More intimate briefings were held in rooms around the U.N. The mayors of Bonn (Germany), Johannesburg and Istanbul announced the World Mayors Council on Climate Change's carbon climate registry.

Transparency was a topic at the U.N. private sector forum, where business leaders, including Helge Lund of Statoil, a Norwegian oil company, called for a standard price on carbon.

"Our industry is part of the solution, a very important part of the solution, and we should also be part of the debate," Lund said.



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Manhattan



New Yorkers Against fracking / CATHARINA THUMLING

New Yorkers rally against fracking

New Yorkers Against Fracking gathered near the site of President Obama's Climate Summit speech at the U.N. on Tuesday to voice their displeasure with the administration's stance toward the controversial process of hydro-fracking to remove natural gas from the ground. Critics argue that it pollutes drinking water.

The 50-some-odd protesters chanted and held signs as people passed.

"This my way of saying that we have to think of other approaches to energy and consider wind, water and the sun," Barry Aviv, one of the protesters said.

Darius Gordon, another protester, said that the rest of the world looks to New York to set an example. **METRO**

Quoted

"Fracking is bad for not only New York but it's bad for every environment wherever you go ... We want to be a beacon for others to follow."

Darius Gordon

Midtown

One killed in partial building collapse

A man was struck and killed by falling debris from a building that partially collapsed in midtown on Tuesday afternoon, a fire official said.

The man was hit by concrete pieces that fell from the building at 326 West 37th Street and was

pronounced dead on the scene, FDNY spokeswoman Elisheva Zakheim said.

There were no additional reports of injuries in the incident which occurred just after 1 p.m.

It was not immediately clear whether the man, who has not been named, was inside or outside of the structure when the debris rained down, Zakheim said.

REUTERS

Manhattan. Bin Laden son-in-law sentenced to spend life in prison



Abu Ghaith / GETTY IMAGES

Suleiman Abu Ghaith, a son-in-law of Osama bin Laden, was sentenced to life in prison on Tuesday following his conviction on terrorism charges.

A Manhattan federal jury in March found the 48-year-old guilty of conspiring to kill Americans and conspiring to provide support for terrorists.

U.S. District Judge

Lewis Kaplan imposed the sentence after Abu Ghaith made a statement, quoting the Koran.

"Today, and at the same moment where you are shackling my hands and intend to bury me alive, you are at the same time unleashing the hands of hundreds of Muslim youths," the former imam said. **REUTERS**

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SoHo. Cadillac set to move offices out of Motor City to Manhattan

In a shift from its Detroit roots, General Motors announced on Tuesday that Cadillac will move its headquarters to New York City.

Cadillac will move to SoHo where its offices will also include an event space, according to General Motors.

Sen. Chuck Schumer said, "To have an iconic American brand like Cadillac choose Manhattan for its global headquarters is another example that this city is a growing hub of innovation."

General Motors is calling the move a "strategic realignment," establishing Cadillac as a distinct flagship brand for the company, and saying that it will operate more on its own than before.

"The next logical step is to provide Cadillac more freedom to cultivate the brand in pursuit of further global growth," said General Motors President Dan Ammann.

As part of the realignment, General Motors has brought on a new



Cadillac is leaving the Motor City for the Big Apple. / GETTY IMAGES

Premium brand

Cadillac said that New York City is more reflective of its premium brand image.

- Marketing for Cadillac will take on a heavier focus in the new home.
- The building of the cars will still take place in Michigan.
- The New York City global headquarters will open in 2015.

president, Johan de Nysschen, a former Audi and Infiniti chief, along with five executives to kick-start Cadillac's leadership council. In a statement, Cadillac said the executive team is expected to expand alongside developments with the headquarters.

Cadillac's Michigan offices will continue assembling and manufacturing the automobile as well as taking care of technical product development, according to the company.

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New York City

Council makes bid to ban smoking in common areas

Smokers in the city have a new area to avoid lighting a cigarette: inside their own buildings.

Bronx Councilman James Vacca introduced a bill on Tuesday that would

ban smoking in common areas of buildings with less than 10 dwellings, such as hallways, stairwells and vestibules. The only safe spot in the building under the law would be the resident's apartment.

The ban would add common areas to a list that includes parks and bars.

Vacca said the smoking bill might have been put

on the back burner last year with the e-cigarette debate and raising the purchasing age for cigarettes, but stands a good chance this year.

The smoking bill's proposal follows a recent Department of Health report showing 16 percent of adults are smokers, up from 14 percent a few years ago. **METRO**

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MTA faces \$15.2 billion funding shortfall in plan

New York. Aging infrastructure and plans to enhance subway access are part of the five-year capital program.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority said ahead of a board meeting on Wednesday that it is facing a \$15.2 billion shortfall for its infrastructure needs.

In a document posted on its website, the MTA said it will "work with its funding partners to identify the additional re-

sources needed to achieve full funding." It said alternatives include reducing the size of the capital program or increasing fares and tolls.

But the MTA said reducing investment would jeopardize safety and hinder its ability to provide service, according to the document that will be presented to MTA's board.

The MTA is updating its five-year capital program for 2015 to 2019.

The program envisions \$32 billion in investments for projects such as replacing subway, bus, and commuter railroad fleets, and a major \$10 billion project to enhance access

Providing service

"A reduced program will not keep pace with the state of good repair renewal needs." MTA document

to east Manhattan.

Joseph Pezzimenti, an analyst at Standard & Poor's said the MTA has previously released five-year capital plans that have not been fully funded and adjusted the plan in later years.

"They did something similar with the current plan they're in," Pezzimenti said. **REUTERS**



The Second Avenue Subway is one of the projects that would receive funds. / MTA

Queens

Man killed in Motorcycle crash

A 24-year-old man was killed in a motorcycle crash on Monday after colliding with another motorcyclist.

The incident happened at 4 p.m. on the Clearview Expressway. Officers found David Duran lying in the road with trauma.

Duran collided with a man, 54, who was also driving a motorcycle, cops say. **METRO**

Bronx. Date for NYPD officer funeral is set

NYPD officers, family and friends will gather together at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Roman Catholic Church in Lagrangeville, New York, at 11 a.m. on Thursday in remembrance of a young officer who died during a fatal accident.

Michael Williams, 25, was killed Sunday morning in a crash. The marked NYPD van that he was riding in collided with a barricade in the Bronx, where he served



Michael Williams / NYPD

as an officer in the 47th precinct. Eight other officers who were in the van also suffered injuries. **METRO**

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Obama calls for climate pact that erases old divides

UN summit. US and China agreed the two biggest emitters "have a responsibility to lead."

President Barack Obama said on Tuesday that a new global agreement on climate change needs to include strong commitments from emerging economies and to move past the rich-poor country divide that has hampered progress in U.N. negotiations.

Obama addressed the U.N. climate change summit with a statement meant to build political momentum for a global deal on climate change in 2015 and a list of old and new commitments his administration has made to address it to date.



President Barack Obama speaks during the opening session of the Climate Summit 2014 at the United Nations. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"This time we need an agreement that reflects economic realities in the next decade and beyond."

Obama

He said a new "global compact" needs to include strong commitments from some of the world's emerging economies, which will increase the amount of greenhouse gases they emit as their economies continue to grow. **REUTERS**

Fighting terror groups

US and Arab allies launch first strikes on fighters in Syria

The United States and its Arab allies bombed Syria for the first time on Tuesday, killing scores of Islamic State fighters and members of a separate al Qaeda-linked group,

opening a new front against militants by joining Syria's three-year-old civil war.

In a remarkable sign of shifting Middle East alliances, the attacks encountered no objection — and even signs of tacit approval — from President Bashar al-Assad's Syrian government, which said Washington had notified

it in advance.

U.S. Central Command said Bahrain, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates participated in or supported the strikes against Islamic State targets. All are countries hostile to Assad but now fearful of the fighters that have emerged out of the anti-Assad rebellion they backed. **REUTERS**



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Soda companies plan to cut calories by 20 percent in 10 years

Options. Soda makers plan to offer more zero- or low-calorie drinks.

The largest U.S. soda makers pledged on Tuesday to cut sugary drink calories by 20 percent in 10 years through education, marketing and packaging.

The American Beverage Association, whose members include Coca-Cola,



The measure will likely be based on sales volume, calories per serving and the U.S. census population. / GETTY IMAGES

PepsiCo and Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, along with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, announced the plan at the Clinton Global Initiative annual meeting in New York. The alliance was founded by the American Heart Association and the Clinton Foundation.

The American Beverage Association will select an independent evaluator to monitor progress, but it is unclear how many calories a 20 percent reduction would entail. **REUTERS**

Workplace shooting

Three killed at UPS facility

A man in a United Parcel Service uniform fatally shot two workers on Tuesday and then killed

himself at a UPS facility in Birmingham, Alabama, police said.

Birmingham Police spokesman Lt. Sean Edwards said the gunman may have been fired

recently by UPS.

The incident occurred at about 9:30 a.m. local time at a UPS service center in the Inglenook section of Birmingham, police said. **REUTERS**

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Study. TV dwells on disaster in covering climate science



TV crews film close to flood waters on January 30, 2014, near Langport in Somerset, England. / GETTY IMAGES

Television news tends to focus on disasters such as droughts or floods in covering scientific findings about climate change, an approach that may exaggerate pessimism about the subject, according to a new study.

The review of coverage by leading television news shows in Australia, Brazil, Britain, China, Germany and India found that they most often framed reports about the science of global warming in terms of crisis.

The report, by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at Oxford University, said disaster scenarios were played up over themes of scientific uncertainty, risks of global warming or opportunities for solving the problems.

Some scientists say the media focus on disaster may warp public understanding of climate change and complicate decision-making on effective solutions. A Yale University study in July found that only one in 10 Americans understand that more than 90 percent

Main cause

95%

The study examined reporting of three U.N. reports on climate change in the past year that included the finding that it is at least 95 percent probable that human activities have been the main cause of global warming since 1950.

of scientists blame man-made emissions, rather than natural variations in climate, for causing global warming.

Television news is often the most trusted media. The news bulletins in the Reuters study, including the BBC in Britain, CCTV-1 in China and Jornal Nacional in Brazil, reach a combined daily average audience of about 50 million people.

Scientists who wrote the reports focused more on how to manage risks of global warming than on disaster, Painter said. In a 32-page summary for one of the reports about the impacts of climate change, for instance, the word "disaster" occurs 14 times and "risk" 231 times. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"For television, which is driven by pictures and the need for strong, engaging narratives in a short space of time, disaster-type approaches are going to be very attractive."

James Painter, author, told Reuters

CDC

Ebola cases may reach 550,000 to 1.4 million by January

Between 550,000 and 1.4 million people in West Africa could be infected with the Ebola virus by January 20, 2015, according to a study published on Tuesday by researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention.

The top of the estimate, 1.4 million, assumes that the number of cases, 5,864 according to the count kept by the World Health Organization, is significantly underreported, and that it is likely that 2.5 times as many cases, or about 15,000, have in fact occurred.

CDC emphasized that the projections, based on



An exercise to prevent Ebola in China. / GETTY IMAGES

how many people each Ebola patient eventually infects as well as other factors, are based on data from late August. They, therefore, do not account for the recently announced U.S. government Ebola relief effort, which includes sending 3,000 members of the armed forces to the stricken region and training 500 health care workers per week. **REUTERS**



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Expert. 'Ghani will be no better than Karzai in fighting the Taliban'

Ending months of tension, Afghanistan's election commission has named Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai as the country's next president. Who is he and what are his biggest challenges? Metro chats to David N. Gibbs, political scientist at the University of Arizona and expert on Afghanistan, to learn more.



Ghani Ahmadzai / GETTY IMAGES

Is Ghani a pro-American president?

Ashraf Ghani and his rival Abdullah Abdullah are both pro-American in terms of their basic orientations, and the U.S. probably would have found either acceptable. However, the Obama Administration appears to have tilted in favor of Ghani. James Carville, a longtime Democratic consultant, was advising the Ghani campaign. During the dispute over electoral fraud, President Obama clearly sided with Ghani. So with the election of Ghani, it

would appear that the U.S. is getting what it wants.

So, he won just because of the U.S. support?

Ghani has a Ph.D. from Columbia University and a long-time association with the World Bank, which no doubt increased his legitimacy. Also Ghani is ethnically a Pashtun, which is the largest ethnic group in Afghanistan. Abdullah in contrast is a Tajik, and therefore from a minority ethnic group.

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Question

What will change in Afghanistan with Ghani as president?

Substantively, it is not clear that a Ghani presidency will really represent much change over Karzai. Many of the same warlords and local chieftains who backed Karzai are now backing Ghani. ... There is little reason to think that President Ghani would be any more successful in fighting the Taliban or establishing order more generally than Karzai has been. Unfortunately, the safest predication for Afghanistan is that it will experience continued warfare and political disorder for the foreseeable future.

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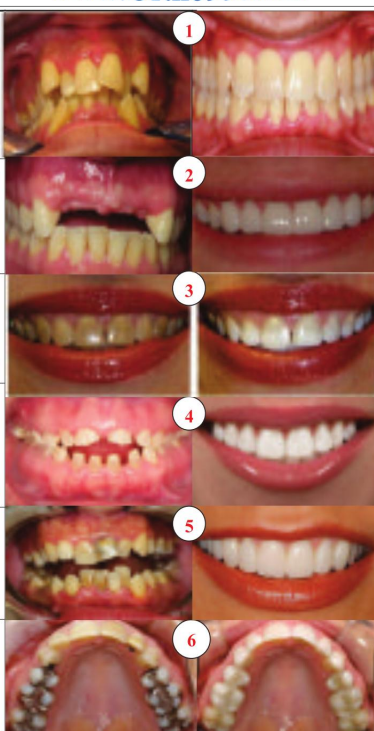
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Taylor Swift and 35 fans party like it's '1989'

Taylor Swift shocked and delighted 35 of her biggest fans by giving them a surprise private listening session of her new album, "1989," at her Los Angeles home — after they'd been vetted by security and had their phones confiscated, of course.

Each of the fans happily posted souvenir Polaroids of themselves with Swift to Twitter and Tumblr following the event and shared some of the more interesting details — like the fact that Swift stopped the session briefly to hand out pumpkin chocolate chip cookies she'd baked herself, or that she gave in-depth backstories for each song before singing along and acting out parts of them in front of the assembled fans.

According to one fan, Swift even described her relationship with One Direction member Harry



Twitter user @blogilates posted this pic on Twitter, writing, "For those of u who were offline this weekend...i went to @taylorswift13's house & this happened #1989SECRETSSESSIONS"

TWITTER

Styles in the most Taylor Swift way possible: "She described it like trying to build a fire out of two

twigs and everyone is yelling at the fire, 'I hate you, fire!' and blowing out the sparks."

Talking points

Discouraging reaction to Watson's encouraging speech

Emma Watson's impressive speech on gender equality at the United Nations Monday was greeted with an ugly response. Posters to the site 4Chan littered a message board there with insults, and one user threatened to release illegally obtained nude photos of the actress in retaliation for her speech, going so far as to set up a site counting down to the supposed release. This is why we can't have nice things! Meanwhile, in our coverage, Metro objectified the good-looking man behind her at the U.N., who we incorrectly identified as her brother Alex, but was in actuality, her publicist Luke Wind-sor, who is also quite attractive.

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Seth Rogen feels old and Jeff Ross doesn't read the news closely.

@Sethrogen: When I was younger and partied till 5am I would get a hang-over. Now, when I party till 5am, I get a cold for a week and a half.

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Dealing with your 'ish'



Interview.

"Black-ish" star
Anthony Anderson
says the new show's
title can apply to
almost anyone.

On ABC's new sitcom "Black-ish," patriarch Dre (Anthony Anderson) is horrified when he discovers that his son is so far removed from the black culture he himself grew up in that he actually

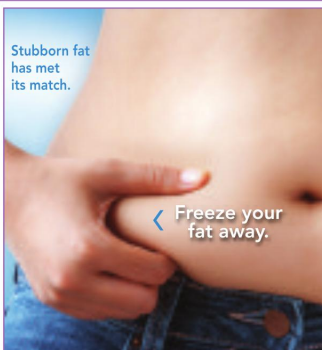
wants his father to let him have a bar mitzvah. It's a funny story about cultural identity and seems like a standard sitcom joke, but it's based on real life. Anderson's son really did ask for a bar mitzvah for his birthday one year.

Anderson, who executive produces the show alongside Kenya Barris, says he and Barris found a lot in common as they brainstormed ideas for the show, which looks at issues of black identity.

"Kenya's from Inglewood; I'm from Compton [both in Los Angeles]. [We] grew up in the 'hood in the '80s," Anderson says. "We're that first generation of success, just striving to give our kids better than what we had growing

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up." Of course, sometimes that means some slightly unexpected conversations. As Anderson puts it, "Not only was my son the only chocolate drop in his classroom, he was the only chocolate drop in his grade for almost three years."

In "Black-ish," Dre feels so conspicuous as the only black family in his neighborhood that he imagines a bus full of tourists driving by and gawking at them as the family proudly waves. "Some of the things

from Dre's point of view are absurd, and the only way that we could really get away with some of the things that we want to say and do is to have it be fantasy, and so that's a device we use in every episode," says Anderson.

Although racial issues are often a serious topic of discussion, Anderson thinks it's easier to address them via comedy. "We've learned through experience in our real lives that some of the most difficult

situations or conversations to have are that much more palatable if it's done through laughter," he says. "It takes some of the pain away — some of the sting away — if we can laugh about it."

As for the title, Anderson thinks it's applicable to anyone. As he says, "We all have our 'ish' that we're dealing with, whether you're black, white, Latina or whatnot, we all have our 'ish,' and that's what our show's about."

The cast

Making a good match

Dre's struggle to help his kids with their black identity is echoed by his wife, Rainbow, a biracial doctor whose character is based on — and named after — Barris' wife.

"We really wanted someone who could go toe-to-toe with me, and Tracee does that," says Anderson of Tracee Ellis Ross, who plays Rainbow in the show.

Not only does Ross bring "strong comedic timing," but she shares some background characteristics with both Rainbows.

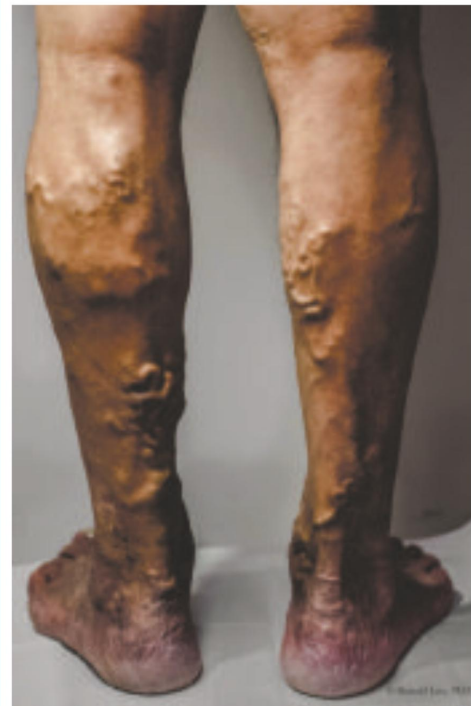
"She is a biracial woman who grew up privileged, as Rainbow did, by being the daughter of Diana Ross," Anderson points out.



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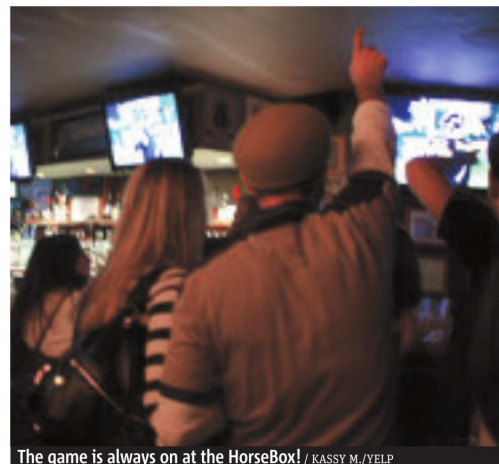
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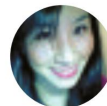
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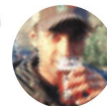


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The fall real estate hot list

Find out which upcoming areas everyone's buzzing about.

JARED KLEINSTEIN

The Lower East Side is getting glassy

While nightlife remains active and new eclectic restaurants continue to pop up on Manhattan's Lower East Side, change is brewing on the real estate front. This fall will see an influx of more shimmering glass towers to this historic neighborhood.

Starting at the corner of

Chrystie and Stanton, where renderings of the new Ian Schrager development, the Herzog & de Meuron-designed 215 Chrystie St. surfaced this summer. With a 370-room hotel covering the first 18 floors and 11 enormous condos above it, the project will become a noticeable fixture in the East Side skyline, though completion is still about two years away.

Just south, the long-discussed cantilevering 100 Norfolk

is rumored to launch sales this month, and later this year we should see new renderings for Essex Crossing, a megaproject comprising 1.9 million square feet of residential, commercial and community space. It may be years away from completion — paperwork was recently filed for the first four buildings — but when it's ready, it'll definitely confirm to any passers by that this is not our grandparents' LES.



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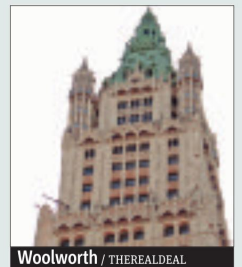
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Long Island City to see thousands of new renters

The LIC waterfront has had its time — with over a decade of development bringing highrises to the coast of Queens — but now it's the rest of the neighborhood's turn in the spotlight. The Court Square area and its near vicinity will see over a thousand new units hitting the market in



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the next two years.

New buildings such as 26-14 Jackson Ave. will offer renters amenities such as roof decks and fitness centers. Also attracting new tenants: The nearby subway access (Court Square or Queensboro Plaza) and trendy neighborhood hangouts like hot spot Dutch Kills. With development of nearby 5Pointz underway, current residents can expect a different looking area when they re-sign their leases in 2015.



Take in the skyline from 26-14 Jackson Ave. / BEN FITCHETT

Brooklyn's new hot 'hood



341EPW is one of the new buildings in the area. / APTSANDLOFTS.COM

All eyes on Crown Heights

In New York City, food and shelter aren't just necessities: they're hobbies and passions. The connections between them run deep, too, as can be seen in both the real estate and food industries buzzing over the development of Crown Heights. While new condos and rental buildings are popping up further east — like 341EPW, which is already over 50 percent leased after launching this past July — residents are also getting their fair share of

trendy food options. Berg'n, the Smorgasburg Team's outpost in the neighborhood, opened this summer for an indoor market serving such favorites as the Ramen Burger and Mighty Quinn's BBQ, in essentially a garage space.

But like all neighborhoods that get hip, some condo units in the area are now priced over \$1M, previously unheard of in the neighborhood. If you're going to pay more in rent, you might as well eat well.

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Bidding wars die down

Residential report. With the market showing signs of normalizing, buyers are less frantic as inventory ticks up.

Halstead Property's Christopher Kromer and Nora Ariffin said they brokered more than 65 deals last year — all of them ending with a request for “best and final” offers from competing buyers.

This year, roughly half their sales are “best and final,” said Kromer. “There is more available inventory so buyers have more choices, and sellers are having to be more competitive.”

Kromer and other brokers said the sales market is returning to a more normalized state thanks to the recent uptick in inventory.

“Buyers were so frantic about competing for so

few properties, they didn't care,” he said. “I don't believe you're seeing that now.”

Manhattan residential properties spent an average of 5.1 months on the market during the April to June period, up from 4.5 months in the first quarter, according to data from real estate appraisal firm Miller Samuel. (Although longer, that's still below the 10-year average of 8.4 months.)

Julia Hoagland, a broker at Brown Harris Stevens, said that the fervor of the 18 months prior to May “seems to be abating somewhat,” and buyers are more confident about their ability to close a deal. “There doesn't seem to be as much of a manic rush to sign at all costs.”

Some brokers said buyers have reconsidered what they want and how much they're willing to pay. Tom Stuart, a broker at Bond New York who has



With the market normalizing, more buyers have a chance to own property. / BLEND IMAGES

handled numerous sales at the Clinton Hill Co-ops in Brooklyn, said sellers there who had been routinely getting offers 10 percent to 15 percent above the asking price are now getting offers just 5 percent higher.

For example, he recently sold a one-bedroom in the building, at 201 Clinton

Ave., for \$500,000, roughly 5.25 percent over the asking price of \$475,000. Last year, he sold a comparable unit for 15 percent over the asking price of \$425,000 after receiving 12 bids.

In June, Stuart also represented a buyer who successfully bid on a one-bedroom duplex at 77

Bleecker St. in the Village, ultimately paying less than the \$799,000 asking price. Although he said the open house was well attended, Stuart said his client's bid of \$775,000 was accepted.

“That was a surprise,” he said. “It was the first time in a really long time that I put a bid in for a buy-

The numbers

Finally settling

The inventory level, which reached a 14-year low of 4,164 listings at the end of 2013, also started to inch up during the quarter.

As for pricing, the median sales price of \$910,000 during the second quarter was a drop of 6 percent from \$972,428 during the first three months of the year.

er that seemed appropriate and we didn't have a lot of competition.” **E.B. SOLOMONT**

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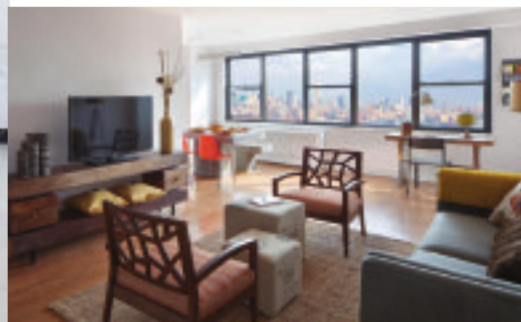
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This means initial purchasers of the newly-released collection of studio, one- and two-bedroom homes will soon be enjoying the

building's upscale urban lifestyle, premium location and world-class amenities, according to developer Sun Equity Partners, which has completed a comprehensive modernization program throughout The Lenox.

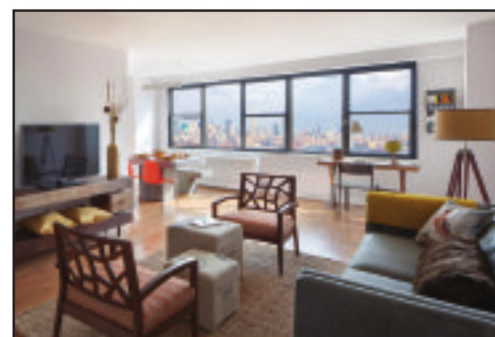
Strong sales are being recorded at The Lenox as buyers respond to its attractive pricing and luxurious condominiums. A variety of floor plans are available with upscale finishes and ranging in size from 535 to 1,089 square feet. Select residences offer balconies with incredible Manhattan views.

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The Lenox offers Manhattan-style amenities, including a concierge, lobby, fitness center, residents' lounge and a clubroom with pool table and flat screen TV.

The Lenox also offers residents a convenient location close to mass transportation and major thoroughfares, providing easy access to New York City and New Jersey's Hudson River 'Gold Coast.'

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Top tips for fall entertaining

Decor. HGTV's "Cousins" tell us what to do around the house when the weather cools down and guests are coming over.

Cooler weather may be creeping in, but that doesn't mean that outdoor entertaining has to slow down. With a little help from the hosts of HGTV's "Kitchen Cousins" and "Cousins Undercover," Anthony Carrino and John Colaneri, we learned what it takes to

turn your summer oasis into an ideal spot for a fall soiree.

Transform outdoor furniture

Fall flowers are a great

way to add color to your yard — but so is the furniture you already have, Colaneri says. “Patio furniture and lounge chairs can get dirty easily,” he says. “Give them a good cleaning. If they’ve faded from the summer sun and the material can be painted or stained,

that's a quick, easy and inexpensive way to make them look like new. If not, try buying new cushions or a patio umbrella to add a pop of color."

Rule of three

“For outdoor lighting follow the same rule of three as indoor lighting. Stick to three focal points: the back porch, the garage and a spot overlooking the yard,” suggests Carrino. The designers specifically suggest LED lights, which have added bonuses: “Since LED lights don’t get hot, they won’t attract bugs,” Carrino says.

Grill on

When asked if grilling was conducive to fall weather or if it should hibernate until next spring, Carrino says it definitely works in autumn. "Everyone likes spending as much time as they can outside before the weather gets chilly," he says. "Whether tailgating or hosting a party on your patio, grilling is definitely still acceptable in the fall."

Quoted

"If there ever was a quick decor fix this is it: Position a mirror across from a window to reflect the view from outdoors. This will instantly create the illusion of more space in cramped quarters and it can also bring some of the great foliage colors into your home."

Colaneri, co-host of HGTV's "Kitchen Cousins" and "Cousins Undercover"

Heat it up

"A fire pit is an easy way to keep warm while entertaining outdoors on cool fall nights," says Colaneri. "Increase the coziness by adding new pillows to your patio furniture or a matching throw that you can bring outside when temperatures drop."

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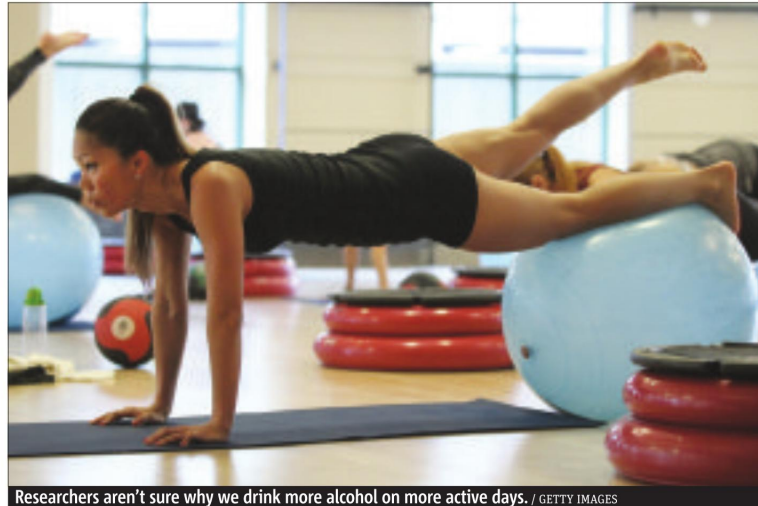
Anthony Carrino and John Colaneri, the design gurus from HGTV's "Kitchen Cousins" and "Cousins Undercover" — and real-life cousins — will get your house ready for company. / PROVIDED

You deserve a treat. Exercise leads to more drinking – and we're not talking about water

We're rewarding ourselves with more than just ordering dessert after exercising, according to a new study.

On days when people exercise more, typically Thursday through Sunday, researchers found that they also drink more alcohol. "Monday through Wednesday, people batten down the hatches and they cut back on alcohol consumption," lead author David E. Conroy says. "But once that 'social weekend' kicks off on Thursdays, physical activity increases — and so does alcohol consumption."

The study's 150 participants, aged 18 to 89, tracked their physical activity and drinking habits via smartphone for three-week periods three times throughout the year. The researchers found that, across all ages and levels of fitness, when people are more



Researchers aren't sure why we drink more alcohol on more active days. / GETTY IMAGES

active, they tend to have more alcoholic drinks than on days with less activity.

The study did not ask people their reasons for drinking. "Perhaps people reward themselves for working out by having more to drink,

or maybe being physically active leads them to encountering more social situations where alcohol is consumed," Conroy says.

The professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern University says having subjects log

their activity and drinks via smartphone every day gave a more accurate picture of their behavior versus typical self-assessments, which involve having to recall the past 30 days and can lead to events being misremembered. **EVA KIS**

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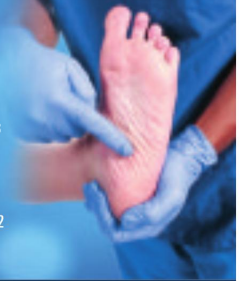
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Inevitably, we all make certain sacrifices in our personal lives for the sake of our jobs. A few hours of sleep, breakfast with the kids, midweek errands, first dibs on a major sale: These things have a way

of falling by the wayside when we're committed to our 9-to-5s.

Hopefully, it goes without saying that your health should never make this list. Between catered lunch meetings, co-workers'

birthday celebrations and communal snacks, many of us face job challenges that are both deadline- and diet-related. Here's an assortment of strategies for beating the top food foes in your office.

Scenario 1

Your office meetings are catered with tempting but totally unhealthy foods.

Solution: Bring a brown-bag meal to your meetings. If you spend time preparing your meals (or spend money buying them), you'll feel obligated to eat whatever you've invested in, no matter how tempting the junk food is. Go the extra mile to make your food delicious and exciting, and you won't think twice about the pastry platter.



Scenario 2

Your co-workers order group lunches from nearby restaurants, but their top picks include pizza, burgers, fried foods and overstuffed sammies.

Solution: Collect menus from your colleagues' favorite restaurants and highlight the healthiest options on each one — then use a black marker to cross out the ones that are

the worst for your waistline. Stash the menus in your desk drawer, so when you find out what everyone's craving for lunch each day you can quickly skim the low-cal listings (and remain happily oblivious to the uber-cal ones).

In case of spontaneous orders, a quick Internet search will turn up their menu. Browse for salads, veggies and lean proteins that are cooked any way but frying.

Scenario 3

Your cubicle neighbor keeps a bowl of candy on her desk — and it's calling your name every time you need a pick-me-up.

Solution: Suggest that she store the goodies in a desk drawer or any spot hidden from your line of sight, and offer an

explanation for your request if you feel comfortable doing so. Alternately, you can wait until the stash runs low and then gift her a bag of candy you're not crazy about. A final option: Place an empty jar on your own desk and stick \$1 into it each time you resist a candy craving. At the end of the week, treat yourself to something special!



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Horoscope

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.

Your schedule will be hectic. Rely on trusted colleagues to help you manage your tasks.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.

Make sure that you ask for any current deals to be put in writing. Don't be taken in by a swindler with unrealistic promises of quick money.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.

Your vision may be clouded regarding a heated encounter. Don't make a commitment until you have taken an honest look at circumstances.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.

Your generosity will cause you to neglect your own duties. It will be difficult, but you will be relieved once you say no.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.

Continue to stick to the schedule and routine that got you where you are. If you are too nonchalant, an opportunity may pass you by.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.

Changes to a current relationship will puzzle you. Tackle legal, financial or health matters if you are involved in a joint venture.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.

Do your best to get to know people who share your values. Travel will provide the motivation to initiate personal changes.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is crucial if you intend to pursue your goals. Keep up to date with medical appointments.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.

Expect to face friction when working on a project with someone who thinks differently. Don't let anyone undermine you, but don't ignore advice either.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.

It's time for some truthful introspection. Ask yourself if you've been fair to those around you, and, if not, admit your shortcomings.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.

Remember to have fun. It's possible to get so caught up in day-to-day drama that time flies by. Spend quality time with family.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.

Your intuition can be a powerful tool. Trust your instincts regarding professional strategies. Focus on forward motion, not the past. **EUGENIA LAST**

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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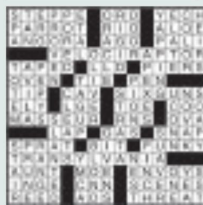
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- 23 After expenses
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- 33 Lunar trenches
- 34 Jai —
- 36 Tallow source
- 37 Cutting tool
- 38 In plain sight
- 39 2001 to Ovid
- 40 Brass component
- 42 Plant parasite
- 43 Mountain feature
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- 47 Inherent qualities
- 49 Here, in Le Havre
- 50 Barge pusher
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- 54 Feeling at home
- 60 Hi's wife
- 61 UFO pilot

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- 64 Sculpt
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- 59 Is on the go
- 61 False front

Yesterday's answer



Letters

Cyclists are worse criminals

Re: 'Stop hating cyclists' (Metro, Sept. 23)

I vehemently disagree with the letter from Janice Amato regarding cyclists. Ms. Amato fails to mention the blatant running of red lights by most cyclists, which continually endangers the safety of pedestrians. Also not mentioned is the use of sidewalks by cyclists. They are called sidewalks, not sidebikes, Ms. Amato. These traffic violations FAR outweigh the pedestrian violations mentioned by Ms. Amato. When cyclists stop whining, stop running red lights and stop riding on sidewalks, I will give more credence to Ms. Amato. **RAYMOND S. ROY, VIA EMAIL**

We're mortal, so no point in complaining

I have a question for all you "global warming/climate change" enthusiasts who feel you need to complain about something. Do any of you know how big those SUVs were that the dinosaurs were driving around the last time Mother Earth went into an ice age? By definition we are actually still in an ice age. It's called the "circle of life." Accept it and try to enjoy the short time you have. **BILL BOWERS, VIA EMAIL**

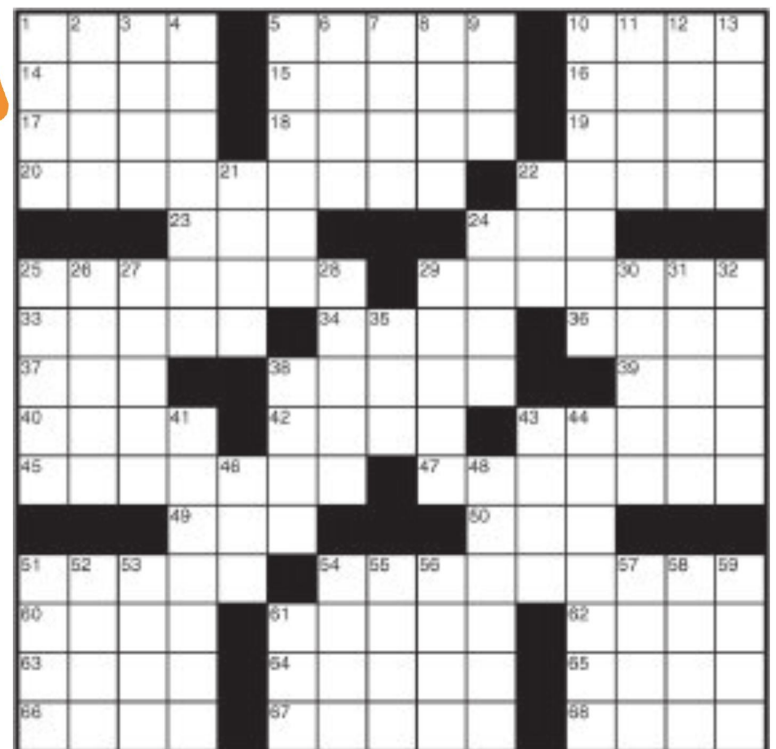
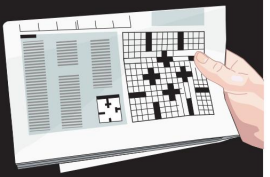
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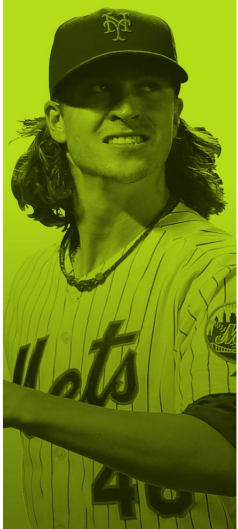
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SPORTS

Rookie shutdown

DeGrom done for season

The Mets don't have to worry about resting Jacob deGrom for the postseason, but he's being shut down early anyway. The NL Rookie of the Year contender will not make his final start, previously scheduled for Saturday against the Astros at Citi Field. DeGrom has pitched 178 2/3 innings, including Triple-A, which is 31 innings more than 2013. He's 9-6 with a 2.63 ERA and 144 strikeouts this year.



GENO SMITH IS STILL NOT THE ANSWER

There were highs for Jets quarterback Geno Smith in Monday night's loss to the Bears and there were incredible lows. Which is to say, the same narrative written about Smith during his rookie season is being written again.

We've learned from 19 starts in the NFL that Smith is a starting quarterback who can win games from time to time. But what was reinforced during Monday night's two-interception performance is Smith is not a franchise quarterback.

It is time for Jets fans to wake up and realize that while their young quarterback is serviceable, he isn't a building block for the franchise. The time isn't now to bench Smith in favor of Michael Vick, but the Jets must look long term and realize he isn't the answer for a team that is consistent quarterback play away from a postseason berth.



Geno Smith is tied for the NFL lead with four interceptions this season. / GETTY IMAGES



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Head coach Rex Ryan defended his young quarterback after the game.

"This is not the same quarterback as the beginning of last season," he said. "I don't care what people say."

Ryan is wrong. At his core, Smith is still far from a finished product and the evidence is begin-

ning to mount that he might never get there.

The narrative from Jets training camp was that this was Smith's team, despite a rookie year where he had the second-most interceptions in the league and was benched several times.

Offseason workouts without pads and in

shorts showed a quarterback who was poised and had matured, then training camp reinforced this notion.

But the wheels have come off the Geno Smith bandwagon.

What he is, when everything is right and clicking, is a game-manager. Smith's own worst enemy is himself, as evidenced by a first quarter interception thrown nowhere near Chris Johnson and a lofted pass to the back of the end zone in the third quarter that was destined for the hands of Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller from the moment it left his hands.

All the Jets are asking him to do is not mistakes, and he didn't even do that Monday night.



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MLB. Selig pays final visit to Jeter as both say farewell to baseball

Bud Selig's 22-year reign as commissioner will end Sunday, and while it's had its share of negative moments — among them the 1994 work stoppage and the steroid era — it also had Derek Jeter.

Perhaps that's why Selig anticipated his visit to Yankee Stadium more than any of his other trips on a final swing around baseball.

"It's a privilege to say

thank you to Derek and what a storybook career it's been," Selig said.

"I've said it a lot and I know this embarrasses him and I don't want it to but how lucky have we been and I've been that the face of baseball through the past two decades, through ups and downs, has been Derek Jeter."

Selig presented Jeter with a gold trophy called the Commissioner's

Historic Achievement Award. It has been around since 1998 and was the same trophy given to Yankees' closer Mariano Rivera last year.

"We've had a great relationship throughout the years and for him to take the time to present me with this award that hasn't been handed out too much, it's something that I'll definitely cherish," Jeter said.

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(2-1)

Yes, the Seahawks gave up 17 fourth-quarter points at home Sunday. And yes, people are actually throwing at Richard Sherman again. But if your life was on the line, would you really pick the Broncos or Bengals over Seattle at a neutral site?

No. 2

Broncos
(2-1)

We're absolutely sure that Peyton Manning is 38 years old, right? Any "Manning birthers" out there with me? A guy his age shouldn't be so good.

No. 3

Bengals
(3-0)

This may be seen as disrespectful. But is what they've done — a seven-point win over Baltimore and two home wins — really that impressive?

No. 4

Cardinals
(3-0)

How impressive does Arizona's Week 1 win over San Diego look now? We'll see what happens when Carson Palmer is back.

No. 5

Eagles
(3-0)

Receivers Jeremy Maclin, Jordan Matthews and Riley Cooper are all capable of 100-yard receiving days. But can the defense hold up?

No. 6

Chargers
(2-1)

San Diego could very well be atop these rankings by mid-October. The Chargers host the Jaguars and Jets in the next two weeks.

No. 7

Bears
(2-1)

After losing at home to the Bills, Chicago has won night games at San Francisco and at the Jets. You figure it out.

No. 8

Falcons
(2-1)

Atlanta put up 56 points at home to Tampa Bay and totaled only 10 points on the road against the Bengals. They could be "Bully Team of the Year."

No. 9

Ravens
(2-1)

Baltimore has played three division games to start the year and it has come out of it 2-1. Not bad at all. Even Steve Smith looks good.

No. 10

Bills
(2-1)

Were we fooled by Buffalo's traditional September surge? Maybe. They have winnable games at Houston and Detroit next.

No. 11

Steelers
(2-1)

We heard it all preseason: Ben Roethlisberger. Contract year. He finished with a rating of 112.6 in Pittsburgh's blowout road victory Sunday.

No. 12

Panthers
(2-1)

So much for that vaunted Carolina defense. Le'Veon Bell and LeGarrette Blount smoked the Panthers "D" Sunday night, each rushing for over 100 yards.

No. 13

Lions
(2-1)

Detroit is one of the tougher teams to figure out. The Lions offense looked great against the Giants but not since.

No. 14

Patriots
(2-1)

There's no doubt Oakland would have gone for two and won the game in the final minute against the Patriots had it not been for a holding penalty.

No. 15

Colts
(1-2)

It looks as though there's no shame in losing to either the Broncos or Eagles this season, which is what Indy did the first two weeks.

No. 16

49ers
(1-2)

It was feared the 49ers defense would take a big step back due to injuries and off-the-field issues. That looks to be the case.

Packers East

Redskins throw out the tape on old Giants

When Redskins head coach Jay Gruden broke out the game tape to prepare for Thursday's game with the Giants he probably saw a lot of Aaron Rodgers, Jordy Nelson and Eddie Lacy.

That's because Gruden didn't even bother to watch any tape of the Giants from last season; he watched Green Bay footage instead.

The Giants are now approaching their fourth game under new offensive coordinator Ben McAdoo, formerly an assistant with the Packers and a Mike McCarthy disciple.

"We scrapped last year's tape," Gruden said Tuesday. "It is this year's tape and obviously Green Bay."

The tape Gruden watched from Sunday against the Texans likely opened his eyes. New York finally seemed to find a rhythm

in its new offense, posting 30 points on a good Houston defense led by Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt.

"We have to continue to find ways to run the ball well," quarterback Eli Manning said. "Washington does a good job against the run so they're going to make it difficult. We've got to find complementary and protect and do all those things well."

I think guys are playing faster; I think guys have a good understanding for what's going on and the timing of the offense. We've got to keep striving to get better at some things as well."

While it remains unlikely he'll play against the Redskins, the offense will look very different once the Giants add Odell Beckham Jr. The team's first-round pick out of LSU actually got on the practice field Tuesday and caught passes from Manning. Beckham has dealt with a series of hamstring injuries since training camp.

"I definitely feel a lot better — a lot better than I had been," Beckham said. "I feel as good as I've ever felt right now."

Head coach Tom Coughlin said the team is still targeting Week 5 against Atlanta as a more likely return.

"Now it's getting closer to that time when, like they said, I'm just anxious," Beckham said. "I'm ready to get out there." **MARK OSBORNE**



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